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Driving Licence tests begin on new track

106 candidates take automated test so far

Two-wheeler riders watch the live demo on the task they have to accomplish at the automated driving test track at RTO East this morning.

Mysuru, Feb. 29 (BCT)- Mysuru Regional Transport Office (RTO) East at Rajivnagar in city has begun operations to issue Driving Licences (DL) after candidates are tested at the Automated Driving Test Tracks.

The new system has been implemented from Feb. 24 and till yesterday, 106 candidates have taken the test. Over 10 have failed. Automatic driving tests are a foolproof way to ensure that unsafe drivers don't get licences. Gradually, all the driving tests conducted at RTO West (near Ballal Circle) will also move to RTO East.

A majority of deaths in road accidents are due to human error. Since the automated system has removed human intervention, it weeds out poor and unsafe drivers from hitting the roads. The new test is so strict that if a driver fails, he or she has to apply again.

The new tracks have different test patterns. Those who are able to ride on the track without deviating from the marked lines and within a stipulated time clear the test. Before a candidate takes the test, a video is played in a room that gives a candidate an idea of the test. Technicians brief the test-takers on the process. Also, display boards kept at the room explain the tests in detail. This apart, staff who manage the automated track will brief the candidates if they visit the track before 10.30 am and after 4.30 pm. *[Turn to Page-9 for Weekend Star Supplement on Automated Tracks]*

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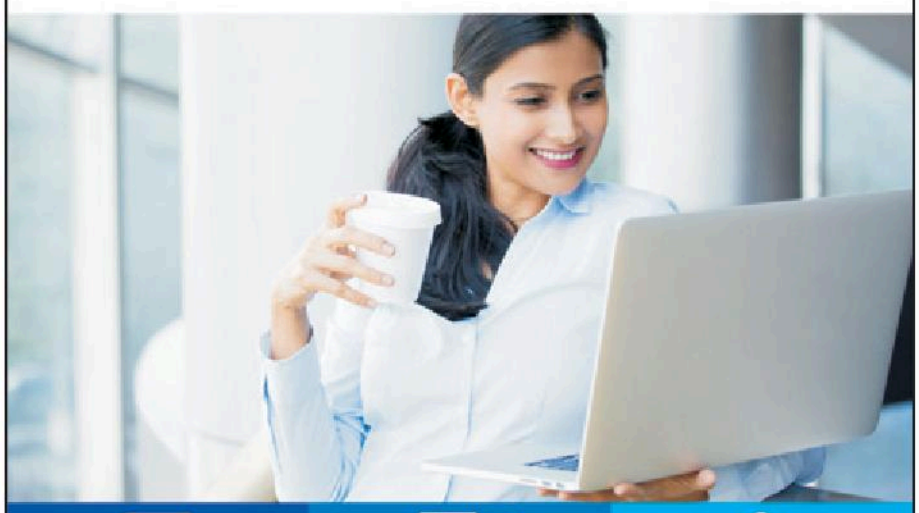
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Mysuru, Saturday 29th February 2020

Democracy's downturn

Scholars who are credited with writing verses in the distant past have mentioned the term *Bharathakhanda*, meaning the territory of which present India is only a part. Many explorers, particularly the Italian merchant and explorer Marco Polo (1254-1324), Chinese travellers Fa Hien (337-422) and Hiuen Tsang (602-664) are recollected by many public speakers as having written about the region in glorious terms. Having observed the enormous wealth and prosperity of the land and its people, while narrating his experience to his fellow citizens in Europe, Marco Polo is said to have earned the nick name Marco the Millions. Maybe, if he had visited India of our times, he might have highlighted only the millions-side of the land's population, feeling shy in calling the democracy as a mad house.

However, the other two travellers, both monks, chose to write about the institutions of learning and refinement in the culture of people at large. The reports in dailies covering the 36-hour visit of American President Donald Trump also highlighted his praise for the country's Prime Minister, glorifying the nation only in the offing. His conducted tour to three locations (Ahmedabad, Agra and New Delhi) can be seen as a saving grace in the context of *millions* of Indians contributing unabashedly to the democracy's downturn on count of harmony among its citizens.

The sayings meaning to view the entire world as one family and wishing for happiness to all and the slogan intending to portray the nation's *Unity* in *diversity* are being mocked at with disdain given the discord between the ruling class in the country and the multitude of outfits across the land.

Foundations of stabilising the nation from its ongoing turmoil, led by persons pursuing cheap popularity, are shaking similar to earthquakes. The self-styled leaders making provocative statements instigating unruly behaviour don't seem to be conscious of the harm they are doing to sustain a stable democracy. The country's people are tottering in their failed battle against poverty, diseases and unemployment in the educated youth sections of the population. India, with its dubious distinction of the world's highest population of visually handicapped people and many life-debilitating diseases such as cancer, tuberculosis and malaria cannot afford to harbour the kind of leaders who are sparing no efforts in misleading the youth. Headlines in widely-read dailies such as "21 of world's 30 *polluted* cities are in India" don't see the Indian people in good light.

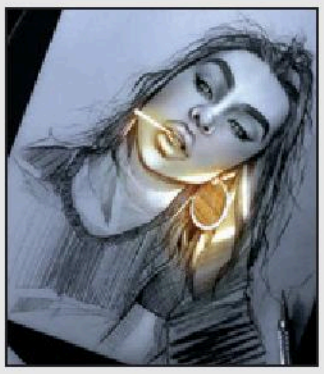
Some locations in the country are witnessing arson and looting by unruly groups led by well-marked hooligans. Dealing with them calls for measures adopted by Lee Kuan Yew when similar situations were created in the City State Singapore during 1950s, before the downturn assumes cancerous proportions. Handling the pseudo-leaders with kid gloves cannot lead to order in the country. Action to silence them is overdue.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

DANCING INTO POLITICS: *The Union Ministry of Culture frequently gets requests for the children of senior Government officials to be considered for a career in art. But the Ministry is surprised by the regularity of requests to accommodate the daughter of a Cabinet Minister for her dance recitals. The grapevine says she is being promoted by her father for an eventual political career, but officers are in a fix over the question whether dance recitals could be the best way to make that happen.* — *In Business Standard*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Glowing pencil drawings of Enrique Bernal



Mexico City: The pencil drawings of Enrique 'Kike' Bernal with a colorful glow, is no denying that the added effect makes them that much more intriguing.

The young Mexican artist usually relies on mechanical pencils and pens to create his cartoonish drawings, but he recently incorporated a new digital tool into his arsenal – Medibang Paint, an app that allows him to add artificial lighting to his drawings. He still has to make clever use of the colorful, almost fluorescent glow to nail the effect perfectly, so it's not like anyone can use it to create the same style of artworks. The mysterious glow only adds an extra layer of creativity to Bernal's already excellent sketches and add a modern twist the to centuries-old art of portrait sketching.

Carpenter goes viral for his whimsical yet functional furniture

Auckland: Henk Verhoeff , a retired carpenter from Auckland, in New Zealand, went viral, after his daughter started posting pictures of his amazing wooden cabinets on Facebook. At first glance, they look digitally altered to create the illusion of cracks or warps, but in reality they are designed and executed that way by hand.

And what makes his creation even more special is that they continue to remain functional, despite their apparent defects; the drawers all open and close, and despite the reduced space, thousands have declared their willingness to pay just to have one of Henk Verhoeff's wooden wonders in their homes.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How much time does the average person spend in the bathroom?

The average person spends 15 minutes per day in the bathroom on hygiene, and 15 minutes per day using the facilities. That totals 3 hours, 30 minutes per week and 182.5 hours per year in the bathroom. Over an 80-year lifetime: 14,600 hours.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Wins Mysore Edition of TCS TechBytes IT Quiz

Mysuru, Feb. 29- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), a leading global IT services, consulting and business solutions organisation and the Board for IT Education Standards (BITES), an autonomous body promoted by Government of Karnataka, has announced the winners of the Mysuru Regional Finals of the 11th edition of TCS TechBytes IT Quiz contest.

National Institute of Engineering (NIE) team Varun Gupta and Guruprasad Veerannavaru emerged winners while the runners-up were NIE Institute of Technology (NIE-IT) students Shivesh Srivastava and Saurabh Tripathi.

TCS gave the winners education scholarships of Rs. 12,000 each and the runners-up Rs. 10,000 each. It also awarded the top six winners with a host of goodies.

Sunil Deshpande, Head, Bangalore Delivery Centre, TCS, who was the chief guest, distributed the prizes. The winners will go on to represent Mysuru at the State Finals to be held at Bengaluru on Mar. 11.

Over 400 city students participated in the quiz this year. They first underwent a preliminary written test, after which the top six teams were called on stage to participate in an interactive animation-based quiz. It had five segments — Byte Abundance, Tech Vision, Byte Clouds, Connected Ecosystem and Tech Agile — and prompted students to think laterally.

Dr. T.N. Nagabhushan, Principal of SJCE and Dr. K.N. Balasubramanya, Chairman, BITES, were present n the occasion.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Philosophy: A forgotten subject

Sir,

The study of Philosophy was once considered to be of utmost importance, especially in our culture. Every student was required to acquire the knowledge of the scriptures, as it was thought necessary to lead a meaningful life.

The advent of European education system has caused the subject to gradually disappear from the curriculum of schools and colleges of our country. By giving way to this change, we are readily accepting that our culture is inefficient in terms of education, which also means that we are not paying due respect to our ancestors.

A fact which everyone would know, but only a few would acknowledge is that we are giving importance only to the subjects which could help in fetching a job and establishing a secure career in one's life. The very idea of education has been redefined.

For example, Maharaja's College is an institution which was once famous for the Department of Philosophy. Today, the College offers 22 combinations in Bachelor of Arts, out of which only one combination includes Philosophy and it comes along with optional Kannada and Sociology. This means that students who prefer to study Philosophy in English medium don't get a chance.

The Government and Universities alike should take this matter into consideration and must introduce Philosophy in most of the First Grade Degree Colleges, and if possible also as an optional subject in High Schools.

When it comes to higher education, the study of Philosophy should be made popular, just as subjects like History, Political Science, Geography,etc. are being treated. Most of all, students should be given lectures regarding the importance of Philosophy in their lives.

—U. Indra Mohan

Mysuru
27.2.2020

Corrections and Clarifications

In the news item titled ***'Art makes our lives more meaningful: K.V. Murthy'*** published in *Star of Mysore* dated Feb.25 (page-10), it was inadvertently mentioned that K.V. Murthy was conferred **'Kala Sevaratna' award**. It may please be read as **'Nada Surabhi' award. —Ed**

Illegal electric fence kills

two wild elephants in border village

Chamarajanagar, Feb. 29 (SS&SD)- Two wild elephants were electrocuted in a sugarcane field at Karalavadi village near Talavadi in Chamarajanagar yesterday.

According to Forest Department officials, the two elephants came in contact with live wires at an illegal electric fence around a sugarcane field at Talavadi, a village located at Karnataka and Tamil Nadu border. The place comes under the jurisdiction of Tamil Nadu Forest Department

Villagers were trying to drive away a herd of elephants yesterday evening and they gathered in groups to make sounds to scare away the elephants. While running away from the crowd of villagers, two elephants came in contact with the electric fence illegally placed around a sugarcane field belonging to one Karappuswamy.

Tamil Nadu Forest officials have registered a case and further inquiry is on. Meanwhile, Karappuswamy who had illegally erected the electric fence around the farm is absconding, according to sources.

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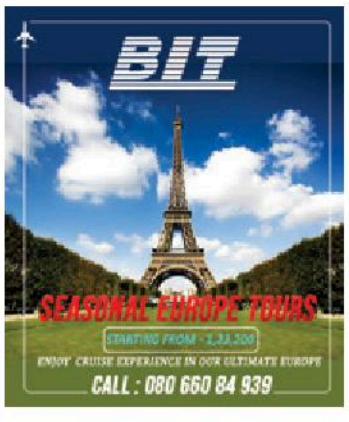

NEWS BRIEFS

ZP meeting

Mysuru District Zilla Panchayat (ZP) has convened a meeting at ZP auditorium to discuss about upcoming election to elect heads and members of various Standing Committees on Mar. 2 at 11 am. ZP President B.C. Parimala Shyam will preside over the meeting, according to a release.

Free hearing camp

As part of World Hearing Day, Vaibhav Speech and Hearing Centre is organising a free hearing check-up camp on Mar. 3 at it's main Centre at 1432/9, 1st Floor, Tribhuvan Towers, Opp. Veterinary Hospital, Dewan's Road. Those interested in attending the camp may contact the Centre on Ph: 0821-2437373 or Mob: 98442-55757.

Free eye screening camp till Mar.10

Lens Partner by Annapoorna Eye Hospital has opened its new outlet in Hootagalli. On this occasion, a free eye screening camp for citizens of all ages groups is being held from Feb. 28 to Mar. 10 between 11 am and 8 pm at Annapoorna Eye Hospital, Silent Shores Road, Hootagalli Junction. Free optical frames will be provided for those who need to get their spectacles done at a very nominal price for lenses.

Elected as Directors

The following were elected unopposed as Directors of BSNL Employees Housing Co-operative Society for the period 2020-25: N.D. Sundar, A. Suresh, V. Gopinath, Malkappa Giddappa, G. Shekharmurthy, V. Shashikala, V. Nagesh, A. Prakash, Murali, Jayalakshmi P. Rao, K.P. Ramakrishna, Lakshminarayana and Papanna.

Ph.D awardee

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Hindi to H.S. Sharath Babu for his thesis 'Sharadh Joshi Ke Saahitya Me Vyangya Chethana' Guide: Dr. M. Vasanthi.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

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Yesterday	111.62 ft
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Outflow	2,801 cusecs

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(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,277.20 ft
Inflow	112 cusecs
Outflow	1700 cusecs

Payment of Rs. 5.40 cr. breakfast allowance for Pourakarmikas approved

Mysuru, Feb. 29 (PM&DM)- Even as the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) decided to cancel the tender of the breakfast scheme for over 2,000 Pourakarmikas attached to the Corporation in the last Council meeting held on Jan. 30, the MCC in its second Council meeting of the year held at its Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Hall on Feb. 27, approved to clear breakfast allowance totalling Rs.5.4 crore that has been pending for the period 2015-18.

The Council meeting, chaired by Mayor Tasneem, also resolved to provide breakfast allowance to civic workers out of the 24.10 percent Pourakarmika Grants, unspent, during 2018-19 and 2019-20.

MCC Additional Commissioner Shashikumar, addressing the meeting, said that there is provision for crediting the allowance directly to the accounts of 518 regular Pourakarmikas, while 1,648 contract Pourakarmikas can get the allowance through their respective contractors.

Compensation

The meeting approved payment of Rs. 5 lakh as compensation to the family of the deceased contract Pourakarmika B. Suresh, who died while on duty on Jan.10, 2020.

Corporator SBM Manju wanted the MCC authorities to make periodic checks on whether the contractors are extending statutory benefits such as PF and ESI to outsourced civic workers.

The meeting approved the resolutions passed by Taxation, Finance and Appeals Standing Committee and Public Health, Education and Social Justice Standing Committee. Some Corporators alleged that illegal permissions were being given for construction of private buildings, following which the Mayor said that the members of the Works Standing Committee will visit all such spots for an inspection.

Laptops

Independent Corporator M.V. Ramprasad alleged that 113 beneficiaries were yet to get laptops, which the MCC had promised. Hitting out at official apathy, Ramprasad urged the Mayor to take measures for distributing laptops to the beneficiaries out of the MCC funds.

Mayor seeks report on laying of UG cables

Following several complaints of haphazard laying of Underground power cables (UG cables) across the city, Mayor Tasneem directed the officials to submit a report on the issue within a week.

Opposition leader M.U. Subbaiah who raised the issue, alleged that the CESC which had been granted permission for laying UG power cables by Horizontal Directional Drilling method, was indulged in indiscreet digging of roads and other spaces. Also, CESC has not bothered to cover up the dug-up portions and has continued with its unscientific works, he argued.

Maintaining that haphazard digging poses a serious threat to pedestrians and motorists, Subbaiah, who was supported by his fellow BJP Corporators, said that the MCC was paying CESC for relocation of Control Boxes installed on footpaths and as such, the MCC authorities, in return, must ask CESC officials to execute the works sought by the MCC, free of cost.

Seeking distribution of soft copies of the blue-print of the UG cable system to all the MCC Zonal offices, Subbaiah wanted the MCC officials to ensure that no mishaps take place due to the unscientific digging of roads and footpaths for laying of these UG cables.

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde instructed CESC officials to carry out works only after bringing it to the notice of the respective area Corporators and MCC officials.

Mayor Tasneem, who spoke after hearing the views of the Corporators on the issue, directed the MCC Superintending Engineer to ask all Zonal Development Officers to carry out an inspection of the UG cable works in their respective jurisdiction and submit a report within a week.

Deputy Mayor C. Sridhar, Corporators B.V. Manjunath, K.V. Sridhar, Ayub Khan, Arif Hussain, Pramila Bharath, V. Ramesh and other officials were present at the meeting.

BSY greeted on his birthday

Former Taluk Panchayat President and BJP Youth leader L.R. Mahadevaswamy (second from left), greeted Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on his 77th birthday at the latter's residence in Bengaluru on Thursday.

German national gets new lease of life at Narayana Hospital

Undergoes bypass surgery after suffering heart attack, Celebrates birthday at CCU

Mandanna cutting a cake to celebrate his birthday at the CCU in Narayana Hospital, a day after he underwent the bypass surgery as his family members, Hospital staff Dr. Ravi and Dr. Ashok and Hospital's Marketing Head K.V. Kamat look on.

Mysuru, Feb. 29- The doctors at Narayana Multispeciality Hospital performed a bypass surgery on a 34-year-old German resident after he was diagnosed with severe triple vessel blocks and weak heart due to heart attack.

Mandanna, a banker by profession from Frankfurt in Germany, suffered a heart attack a few days back and was admitted at a hospital in Germany.

During his hospitalisation there, he underwent coronary angiogram and was diagnosed with triple vessel blocks and was advised to undergo bypass surgery Mandanna.

However, due to a past bad experience of losing his friend after similar surgery in Germany, his family explored options in India that lead them to Narayana Multispeciality Hospital in Mysuru and contacted Dr. M.N. Ravi, Senior Heart Specialist at Narayana Hospital.

After speaking with Dr. Ravi and the fact that a family friend who had a heart surgery previously at Narayana Multispeciality Hospital as doing extremely well, only enhanced the family's faith and trust in the hospital.

The family flew to Mysuru over the next 48 hours and Mandanna was admitted under the care of Dr. Ravi.

After a detailed evaluation including a repeat angiogram by Dr. N.S. Rajendra, Mandanna was recommended to undergo Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery (CABG). CABG is the most effective treatment modality to treat multiple blockages in the arteries causing heart attacks.

The surgery was performed on Jan. 29 and Mandanna celebrated his birthday by cutting a cake in the Critical Care Unit (CCU) in the presence of his family members and hospital staff.

Speaking about the case, Dr. M.N. Ravi said, "Bypass surgery is a common procedure. But in the case of Mandanna, it was complicated by recent heart attack which had made his heart weak. As he is very young, we wanted to provide him with symptom-free and intervention-free long life. Therefore we took multiple arterial grafts from within his chest, made a 'Y' out of them and used them to bypass all the major blocks in the heart thereby giving him the best possible operation he could have had anywhere in the world but at a fraction of the cost."

Mandanna said, "I was shocked when I came to know that I was suffering from blockages in the heart. In fact, I was even more worried when I got to know that I have to undergo bypass surgery, as I had recently lost a friend to the surgery. However, Dr. Ravi and team elaborated on the procedure and that helped me overcome my fears. Their care not only helped with recovery from my condition, but also helped me regain control of my life too."

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Two Bangladeshi men arrested for illegal stay

Nanjangud, Feb. 29 (RS&DM)- In a crackdown on illegal immigrants, the Nanjangud Police arrested two Bangladeshi illegal immigrants from Immavu village in the taluk late last night.

The arrested have been identified as Mohammad Abdullah, 27 and Mohammad Habibullah, 25.

Acting on a tip off, the Police picked up the two from Immavu village where they were staying for the past one year and during interrogation, the two reportedly confessed to have entered the country from Bangladesh illegally.

The two are said to be working at a factory in Tandya Industrial Estate in the taluk for the past one year, according to Police sources.

The operation was carried out by Nanjangud CPI Rajasekhar, PSI Satish and staff, under the guidance of SP C.B. Ryshyanth and DySP Prabhakar Rao Shinde.

The Nanjangud Rural Police have registered a case in this regard.

Obituary

Somaradhya Swamy

Mysuru, Feb. 29- Somaradhya Swamy of Gowrishankar Mutt at Yedakola in the taluk passed away on Friday. He leaves behind his wife Rajeshwari, children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Yedakola village this afternoon,according to family sources.

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It will rain funds on Mysuru

District Minister promises Rs. 100 crore grant, Rs. 25 crore each for eight Taluks, Rs. 15 crore for Kukkarahalli Lake

Mysuru, Feb. 29 (SBD&BCT)- It might be raining funds on Mysuru if the words of District Minister V. Somanna comes true and if his boss, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, agrees. Chairing the District Planning Committee meeting at Zilla Panchayat Hall yesterday, Somanna said that he will prevail upon the CM to release Rs. 100 crore grants exclusively to Mysuru.

"Rs. 100 crore will surely be released and for immediate purposes Rs. 50 crore will be released and the CM has consented for this. I have asked Rs. 25 crore each for eight Taluks and Rs. 10 to Rs. 15 crore to help improve the polluted condition of Kukkarahalli Lake and Rs. 5 crore will be released soon. The CM has directed his officials to release funds," Somanna said.

As Somanna was dishing out figures, Zilla Panchayat Members Beerihundi Basavanna and Ravishankar said that the promises that were made to people during elections had not been fulfilled due to paucity of funds. "Zilla Panchayat is being given a meagre grant of Rs. 10 lakh to Rs. 15 lakh. Please convince the Chief Minister to get more grants to Mysuru so that development works can be taken up in a speedy manner," they said.

Funds have not been released under Employment Guarantee Scheme and the workers have not been paid for the work undertaken months ago, alleged Zilla Panchayat members.

Members complained that money has not been released to the poor people who have applied for houses nor houses have been granted. Responding to the member, Minister Somanna said that many people who already have sites and houses have applied for new houses. "We will have to weed out such bogus applicants and locally, the Zilla Panchayat Members must take over the responsibility of identifying the real beneficiaries of Government schemes," he said and added that funds for eligible beneficiaries will be released soon.

MLAs G.T. Devegowda and L. Nagendra, MP Pratap Simha, ZP President Parimala Shyam, Vice-President Gowramma, DC Abhiram G. Sankar, City Corporation Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde and others were present.

Travel in sleeper Volvo

to Belagavi and Secunderabad

Mysuru, Feb. 29 (SBD&BCT)- Considering the sizable population from North Karnataka and Hyderabad region travelling to and fro Mysuru for business, family and other reasons, the KSRTC Rural Division, for the first time, has launched four Sleeper Volvo buses to Belagavi and Secunderabad.

The luxurious buses under 'Ambari Dream Class' were flagged off by Mysuru District Minister V. Somanna last evening at Sub-Urban Bus Stand. The buses will cover Bengaluru Kempegowda International Airport and Hyderabad.

The buses will leave Mysuru through the roads laid by Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprises (NICE) and reach Hebbal in Bengaluru and Yelahanka to reach the Bengaluru Airport. From there, the buses will leave to Hyderabad and Secunderabad. Direct passengers to Hyderabad will save one hour by taking the bus, said officials.

The buses will start from Mysuru at 7.15 pm and the corresponding bus will leave Secunderabad at 6.30 pm daily. For the passengers travelling to Belagavi too, the 'Ambari Dream Class' buses have been introduced. The Belagavi bus will leave Mysuru at 7.30 pm daily and the corresponding bus will leave Belagavi at 9 pm. The bus will leave Mysuru to reach K.R. Pet, Channarayapatna, Arasikere, Shivamogga and Hubballi to reach Belagavi. The fare from Mysuru to Belagavi is Rs. 800 per person and to Secunderabad, it is Rs. 1,800 per seat. Forty passengers can sit in AC sleeper while in Non-AC Sleeper, 30 passengers can travel.

MLAs G.T. Devegowda, L. Nagendra, MP Pratap Simha, KSRTC Rural Divisional Controller Ashok Kumar and others were present.

Bus	Route	Time	Fare
Mysuru to Secunderabad	Mysuru, NICE Road, Hebbal, Yelahanka Hyderabad and Secunderabad	7.15 pm from Mysuru, 6.30 pm from Secunderabad	**Rs. 1,800 per person**
Mysuru to Belagavi	Mysuru, K.R. Pet, Channarayapatna, Arasikere, Shivamogga, Hubballi and Belagavi	7.30 pm from Mysuru, 9 pm from Belagavi	**Rs. 800 per person**

Rs. 65 crore project to fill 23 Lakes

Water will be drawn from KRS Dam backwaters

Mysuru, Feb. 29 (MTY&BCT)- Foundation stone for a major project worth Rs. 50 crore to fill 16 lakes and a project worth Rs. 15 crore to fill seven lakes through lift irrigation was laid last evening at College of Horticulture, Yelachenahalli in Yelwal.

Inaugurating the event, Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said that as more than 700 tmc ft of water is going waste during monsoon season, the State Government was filling up tanks and ponds. Through this, the Government will address the problem of water scarcity and thereby recharge the groundwater," he said.

Madhuswamy hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for launching Atal Bhujal Yojana that covers drought-hit taluks in 14 districts of Karnataka. He said that they will make use of the funds and work for improving the groundwater table. Madhuswamy said that the State Government is utilising 30 percent of the subsidy from the Centre to install solar units for irrigation pump sets that would make them more self-sufficient.

Massive project

Considering the fast depletion of water in lakes, a life source for both humans and animals, the State Government has drawn up a massive pilot project to supply water from KRS Dam backwaters directly to lakes in Mysuru. The lift irrigation project will be implemented at Anandooru village.

As many as 16 lakes in 13 villages, including Erappanna Koppalu, Nagawala, Bommenahalli, Huilalu, Maratikyathanahalli and Dasanakoppal will be filled with the lift irrigation in Anandooru. Water will be lifted from the backwaters 90 days a year (20 hours daily). A total of 87.73 million cubic feet of water will be lifted.

16 lakes to be filled

The lakes that will benefit are, Karakanahalli Lake, Karakanahalli Katte, Erappanakoppal Lake, Nagawala Lake, Hulilalu Lake, Huilalu Katte, Bommenahalli Lake, Sahukarahundi Lake, Sahukarahundi Katte, Jettihundi Lake, Shankarapura Hosahalli Lake, Dasanakoppal Lake, Maratikyathanahalli Lake, Kergalli Lake, Ijanahundi Lake and Lingambudhi Lake. The seven lakes that will be filled in the Rs. 15 crore project are at Maidanahalli, Meghalapura, Yelwal, Gungral Chatra, Yelachenahalli and Chikkenahalli.

The KRS backwater will be supplied from Anandooru through 'Rising Main Pipe' technology. As part of it, water will be lifted from the backwaters 90 days a year (20 hours daily). A total of 87.73 million cubic feet of water will be lifted. A pump house will be constructed by installing two heavy duty pumps of 525 HP capacity to transfer water to tanks through the 550 mm diameter pipelines to the distribution point located at a distance of 8.15 km from the source.

Hale Unduwadi project

During the foundation-laying ceremony of the projects, Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda made a passionate plea for the implementation of Hale Unduwadi Drinking Water Project. This project aims at getting Cauvery water from KRS backwaters instead of the present practice of lifting water from the canals. The project is designed to take care of Mysuru's water needs at least for 100 years. The project will permanently eradicate drinking water problem of Mysuru and 92 villages.

Hale Unduwadi scheme has been proposed at an estimated cost of Rs. 540 crore. Once the project is implemented, the city and its neighbouring villages will get 300 Million Litres per Day water from River Cauvery. This would be in addition to 250 MLD being supplied to the city at present.

Mysuru District Minister V. Somanna, MP Pratap Simha, DC Abhiram G. Sankar, Superintendent of Police C.B. Ryshyanth, MCDCC Bank President G.D. Harish Gowda and others were present.

Indian Turf Invitation Cup 2020 begins in city

'Star Superior' fancied for Invitation cup

- Two-day event being held in Mysuru for the first time
- Rs. 3.71 crore stake money for a total of 16 races
- Free Contest of Skill on Mar. 1
- Free eye screening camp at MRC Eye Hospital on Mar. 2

The development project for the Race Club in connection with Invitation Cup 2020 was inaugurated this morning by the donors Mrs. Vanitha Swaroop Kumar and Swaroop Kumar, Dharmadhikari of Sree Meenakshi Sundereshwara Temple, Bengaluru. Dr. N. Nithyanand Rao, Chairman of Mysore Race Club (MRC) Ltd., is seen at extreme left.

Mysuru, Feb. 29- The much awaited 58th Edition of the Indian Turf Invitation Cup 2020, a two-day gala event, began today afternoon at the Mysore Race Club (MRC) Ltd. in Nazarbad here.

This is the first time this prestigious Invitation Cup is being held in Mysuru after the Mysore Race Club attained the Independent Turf Authority status in 2014.

"In the two-day event, there will be a total of 16 races — 8 races on each day — and the total stake money is Rs. 3.71 crore. A total of 120 horses will be part of the racing event, with more than 8,000 people expected today and close to 10,000 people expected to take part tomorrow. The MRC has made ample parking and seating arrangements for the convenience of those attending the event," said MRC Chairman Dr. N. Nithyanand Rao.

Apart from the races, the Turf Authorities of India will be presenting the Annual Racing Awards at a ceremony to be held at MRC Club House this evening. This award is to honour the leading Performers of the season.

Many punters and racing enthusiasts from across the country will take part in this event which is co-sponsored by Dharmadhikari of Sree Meenakshi Sundereshwara Temple, Swaroop Kumar.

Races today

The first race of the two-day event was held today at 1.30 pm for 'Madras Race Club Million' followed by 'Dashmesh-Win Legend Million' (2 pm); 'Hyderabad Race Club Million' (2.30 pm); 'R.W.I.T.C Million' (3 pm); 'Japan Million' (3.30 pm); 'BTC Sprinters Cup- Grade 1' (4 pm); 'Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Stayers Cup' (4.30 pm) and 'Delhi Race Club Million' being the last race for the day at 5 pm.

Races tomorrow (Mar. 1)

On day 2, the following races will be held: 'His Highness Maharaja Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Birth Centenary Celebration' (2 pm); followed by 'Smt. Gayatri Devi and Sardar K.B. Ramachandra Raj Urs Million' (2.30 pm); 'Villloo C. Poonawala Million' (3 pm); 'Suresh Mahindra Multi-million Trophy' (3.30 pm); 'Maj. P.K. Mehra Memorial Super Mile Cup' (4 pm); 'Indian Turf Invitation Cup' (4.30 pm); 'Kunigal Stud Million' (5 pm) and 'Malayan Racing Association Goodwill Trophy' being the last race for the day at 5.30 pm.

Free Contest of Skill

Five lucky winners participating in the 'The Indian Turf Invitation Cup 2020' will be given Maruti Alto Suzuki Car as first prize and Bajaj 110 ES Bike as second prize, as part of the 'Free Contest of Skill' event to be held on Mar. 1.

Mega Eye screening camp

As part of the event, the Turf Authorities of India have arranged a mega free eye screening and cataract operation camp on Mar. 2 at MRC Eye Hospital in Siddarthanagar. The Chairmen of all the seven Race Clubs in India (including MRC) will jointly inaugurate the camp at 9.30 am on Mar. 2.

Royal Calcutta Turf Club Chairman Sudipto Sarkar; Royal Western India Turf Club Chairman Z.S. Poonawalla; Madras Race Club Chairman M.A.M.R. Muthiah; Bangalore Turf Club Chairman D. Vinod Sivappa; Hyderabad Race Club Chairman R. Surender Reddy and Delhi Race Club (1940) President J.S. Bedi; MRC Eye Hospital Committee Chairman and former MRC Chairman Dr. C. D. Sreenivasa Murthy; MRC Charitable Trust Chairman and Turf Authorities of India Chairman Dr. N. Nithyanand Rao will be present on the occasion.

MYSORE WINTER RACES 2020

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

Star Superior for Indian Turf Invitation Cup

Mysuru, Feb. 29- Following are the selections for the 16th Day Mysore Races to be held here tomorrow (1st March 2020):

1.	2.00 PM	**HIS HIGHNESS MAHARAJA SRI JAYACHAMARAJA WADIYAR BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATION**
		2000 mts (rated 60 and above)
		1. Indian Pharaoh 2. Roma Victor
2.	2.30 PM	**SMT. GAYATRI DEVI AND SARDAR K.B. RAMACHANDRA RAJ URS MILLION**
		1600 mts (rated 40 to 65)
		1. Mighty Red 2. Grey Channel
3.	3.00 PM	**VILLLOO C. POONAWALA MILLION**
		1200 mts (rated 40 to 65)
		1. Dandi March 2. Harbour Sunrise
4.	3.30PM	**SURESH MAHINDRA MULTI-MILLION TROPHY**
		1400 mts - 4 years (terms)
		1. Multifaceted 2. Snow Don
5.	4.00 PM	**MAJ. P.K. MEHRA MEMORIAL SUPER MILE CUP**
		1600 mts - 4 years (terms)
		1. Prevalent Force 2. Trafalgar
6.	4.30 PM	**INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP**
		2400 mts - 4 years old and over (terms)
		1. Star Superior 2. Desert God
7.	5.00 PM	**KUNIGAL STUD MILLION**
		1200 mts - 3 years (terms)
		1. Lacrosse 2. Ashwa Brooni
8.	5.30 PM	**MALAYAN RACING ASSOCIATION GOODWILL TROPHY**
		1400 mts (rated 20 to 45)
		1. Divine Hunt 2. Winning Force

DAY'S BEST: *MULTIFACETED*

DOUBLE: *1.MIGHTY RED 2.PREVALENT FORCE*

JACKPOT: *4, 5, 6, 7, 8*

I-TREBLE: *1, 2, 3;* ***II-TREBLE:*** *3, 4, 5* ***III-TREBLE:*** *6, 7, 8*

EXACTAS: *7, 8*

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IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

Hate in the time of Coronavirus

Ankit Sharma's grieving mother Sudha Sharma.

Mudassir Khan's father breaks down over his son's body before the final rites.

The now absconding infamous gunman during Delhi riots.

Coronavirus brings death, but it sure is less macabre than the death brought by rioting mobs of Delhi. Coronavirus kills one with fever, unlike rioters in East Delhi who killed Ankit Sharma with hundreds of stab wounds or shot Mudassir Khan in his head as he simply stood outside his house.

May be the real problem, like it has been for centuries, is our blind obsession with religion. That is why it is said, **"When one person suffers from a delusion, it is called insanity. When many people suffer from a delusion, it is called religion."**

No doubt, religion is the most dangerous virus. After all, like a virus, which only comes alive and replicates inside a living organism soon rendering that organism sick, religion also infects the mind, then replicates in a society soon rendering it sick.

No wonder then that the single most devastating weapon of mass destruction has been religion. Religion has killed more humans in history than any war, epidemic or natural disaster.

In fact, sometimes even the most empathetic can be blinded by the power of religion. I say this because I remember in 1996 when the fanatically Christian nation, Ireland, held a referendum on whether its State Constitution should continue to prohibit divorce, a pro-Christian group flew Mother Teresa to Ireland from Calcutta to campaign for the "No Divorce" rule to be retained! Interestingly, the same year I read an interview of Mother Teresa where she said her friend Princess Diana would be happier after she "escaped" from a miserable marriage!

While Mother Teresa did not want ordinary Irish women to "escape" an intolerable husband, she wanted her "friend" to have that option?!

Yes, a religious institution had forced this saint of a woman to campaign for a "repressive" rule, a rule she herself did not believe in!

Yes, religious institutions can make us do what we don't believe in. That is why, French Philosopher Voltaire said, **"People who can make you believe in absurdities can also make you commit atrocities." And that is what is happening in Delhi now.**

People have believed absurdities from both sides. While anti-CAA protestors have been convinced that BJP Government has the ability to relocate 200 million Indian Muslims, the population size of France, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands and Italy put together into walled detention camps, the pro-CAA protestors have been convinced that CAA will make India a real Hindustan. Both absurd.

Speaking of absurdities, the media since Feb. 23, when the East Delhi riots began has been unprofessional to a point of being absurd. One journalist tweeted a disturbing picture of assault without even checking its authenticity, then removed it and then re-posted it!

One news channel only showed the heart-wrenching video of Mudassir Khan's young relative in tears but completely ignored the weeping mother of Ankit Sharma. Another channel did the exact opposite. Isn't this one-sided report a way of inciting anger?

The bias was blatant. One section of the media displayed a photo of the now infamous body-builder brandishing a gun along with people carrying "something orange" and captioned it "pro-CAA" mob with saffron flags. But when it turned out the shooter was in fact from "anti-CAA" mob and that the saffron flags were just orange soft-drink crates, the news stopped appearing.

Meanwhile, another media which initially did not highlight the same picture was now sensationalising it after it was proven that it was anti-CAA mob.

Even worse, while one channel called for action against Kapil Mishra ignoring Waris Pathan, the other called for action against Waris Pathan ignoring Anurag Thakur. One international channel even took a short ride on just one street and made it look like Delhi had turned into Syria!

Media coverage has been biased at all levels. Yes, the editorial pages of media can have an opinion, but it should not creep into its news reports.

After all, journalism should be guided by the philosophy of British Journalist C.P. Scott who said, **"Comments are free but facts are sacred."**

Even worse the media has not been generous in highlighting positive stories. No one was there to sensationalise when Hindus and Sikhs visited every Muslim household in an area called Laxmi Nagar assuring them they are safe and even stood in vigil as right wing mobs took a march nearby.

There was no prime time report sensationalising how in Chand Bagh, a temple was protected by Muslims of the area.

Aren't these stories important for a society in these times of religious animosity? Instead even the so-called reputed media houses, including the international ones, turned one-sided. It seems most media houses have taken sides.

This reminds me of late Chief Election Commissioner T. N. Seshan, who once while criticising the Media was reminded by a few journalists that it was the same media that spread word of his good work. Seshan curtly retorted, "If my chastity is being proclaimed by prostitutes, I don't want such chastity."

For now, with the loss of credibility of Media, the durability of our Democracy too will be destroyed. Meanwhile, may be if Coronavirus comes to Delhi there will be Peace along with Death of course... but unlike now there won't be riots, arson, looting and ghastly murders.

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Manoeuvring Obstacles

By B.C. Thimmaiah

Mysuru Regional Transport Office (RTO) East in city has seen a tectonic shift in how driving tests are conducted to issue licences. Tests are now conducted in specially designed Automated Driving Test Tracks which have many segments, each of which has to be passed in a particular time. Mistakes are recorded and incompetent drivers are eliminated in an automatic mode. Those who have failed have to re-appear for the tests. Mind you, these tracks might puncture your confidence as even experienced drivers can face difficulties in manoeuvring this modern track.

Unlike conventional driving tests where applicants are required to drive on a straight road and are examined by a motor Inspector, the automated test track simulates tougher driving conditions that assess an applicant's driving skills. There is no human intervention and they are fully computerised and the slightest deviation is caught by sensors.

The track is completely automated and results are determined automatically using readings taken from CCTV footage and RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) Tags. The entire test has to be completed in specific time. The track was inaugurated on Jan. 24 and it has been in full operation since Feb. 24 at RTO East, Rajivnagar, on the Outer Ring Road.

The track is a joint venture of the Transport Department and the KSRTC. The track technology has been developed by Cascade Systems and Communications, Bengaluru and there are dedicated employees from the company who are operating and maintaining the system on a day-to-day basis.

This ***Weekend Star Supplement*** takes readers on a photographic journey through the driving tracks including the 'Reverse S Bend', Up Gradient test and 'Forward 8' test. **Take a look, step by step...**

1 The first step in the test: Identify correct traffic signal

This test evaluates the ability of the candidate to identify mandatory road signs. The system will pick any four road signs from the question database and displays it to the candidate along with eight choices. The candidate has to match each of the road sign with the correct answer from the choice provided.

To pass, the candidate has to answer at least two questions correctly. A candidate who has passed gets the RFID card with a unique number. This card has to be flashed in front of the RFID sensor for the test tracks to open.

2 Sensor-based process to test two-wheeler driving

Before a candidate takes the two-wheeler test, automatic sensor equipment is placed on the vehicle, touching the candidate's body and this foot sensor absorbs the signals from the driver like how many times he has put his foot down and speed. The candidate next places the RFID card on the sensor and the track opens for test.

You can knock down only 8 poles on track 3

The candidate's driving skill is evaluated on a narrow serpentine track with multiple turns. 58 poles are positioned to mark the track edge and the foot sensor is placed on the vehicle footrest. After green signal, the timer in the dedicated computer is activated. The computer records the time and displacement of any pole or foot-down status. The time limit for this test is 60 seconds. A candidate knocking down not more than 8 poles, not keeping his/ her foot down for long and completing the test within the stipulated time passes.

Before every test, the candidate must stop in front of the entry line, face the camera, and show his / her assigned RFID card to the reader fixed at the start point and wait for the signal to proceed.

Up the gradient test for four-wheelers 1

Candidate is expected to drive a car on an up-gradient without any backward movement. When the candidate is asked to proceed with the test, he/ she should position the vehicles within the specific area.

If the vehicle is in proper position, a green light will glow and then the candidate should switch off the engine and apply hand break. If the vehicle is not positioned properly, the signal will turn red. The candidate should start the vehicle and drive forward when the light turns green. Any backward movement during the test is measured through sensors. Backward movement covering not more than 4 sensors will be considered pass.

2 Prove your reverse parallel kerb parking skills

A candidate has to park the car in the specified space. Nine poles are positioned to mark the track edge. Once the green light glows, the candidate should start the car, move forward to cross the start line, reverse the car and park within the specified area within 180 seconds.

Once the candidate parks the vehicle in proper position the candidate should wait for the green light to glow in the second signal and drive the car in forward direction and cross the stop line. A candidate knocking down not more than three poles and completing the test within the stipulated time will be considered pass.

3 Manoeuvrability display: Driving in '8'

A candidate should drive the car forward in the direction of the arrow mark on a track shaped like digit '8'. There are 49 poles positioned to mark the track edges on either side of the track. The time limit for this test is 60 seconds. After seeing the green signal light, the candidate should drive the vehicle inside the track. A candidate knocking down not more than 6 poles and completing the test within stipulated time will be considered pass.

The bend must be perfect in this reverse 'S' bend 4

A candidate has to enter the track and then drive backwards in the direction of the arrow mark on a track shaped like English alphabet 'S'. There are 27 poles positioned to mark the track edges on either side. The time limit for this test is 120 seconds. Candidates knocking down not more than 6 poles and completing the test within stipulated time will be considered pass.

5 No room for mistake in this Point Turn Test

After the green signal flashes, the candidate has to achieve a three point turn by taking two forward and one reverse movement as directed by the arrow marks on a specified area. There are 16 poles positioned to mark the track edges. The time limit for this test is 120 seconds and the sensors will detect extra or incorrect moves. A candidate knocking down not more than four poles in the given track, not doing extra or incorrect moves and completing the test within the stipulated time will be considered pass Compared to other tests, this is a tough nut to crack.

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For Heavy Motor Vehicles

- **A** Forward '8' Test
- **B** Reverse 'S' Test
- **C** Reverse parking test
- **D** Up gradient test

A Forward '8' Test

A candidate should drive the heavy vehicle forward in the direction of the arrow mark on a track shaped like digit '8'. There are 56 poles positioned to mark the track edges. The time limit for this test is 60 seconds. Candidates knocking down not more than six poles and completing the test with in stipulated time is considered pass.

B Reverse 'S' Test

The candidate has to enter the track and then drive backward in the direction of the arrow mark on a track shaped like English alphabet 'S'. There are 44 poles positioned to mark the track edges and the time limit is 240 seconds. Candidates knocking down not more than six poles and completing the test within stipulated time will be considered pass.

C Reverse parking test

A candidate has to park the heavy vehicle in the specified space. 16 poles are positioned to mark the track edge. The candidate should start the vehicle, move backward to cross the start line and has to drive the vehicle in reverse and park the vehicle within the specified area within 120 seconds. A candidate knocking down not more than 4 poles and completing the test within the stipulated time will be considered pass.

D Up gradient test

A candidate is expected to drive the heavy vehicle on an up-gradient without any backward movement. When the candidate is asked to proceed with the test, he should position the vehicles within the specific area.

If the vehicle is in proper position, a green light will glow and then the candidate should switch off the engine and apply hand break. If the vehicle is not positioned properly, the signal will turn red. The candidate should start the vehicle and drive forward when the light turns green. Any backward movement during the test is measured through sensors. Backward movement covering not more than 4 sensors will be considered pass.

Only trained and skilled drivers will get driving licences: RTO

"Candidates drive on the track while CCTV cameras mark mistakes automatically. Now, only those who actually know how to drive on city roads will pass. One of the benefits of the track is that it is spread over a compact area. Previously, tests were sometimes taken on the road if there was a lack of space. Now, because several tests can be conducted on the same set, that problem has been solved.

In the manual test, most inspectors make an applicant drive on a straight road and a few ask them to reverse. Now we have completely reformed the manner in which RTOs work. We are breaking the tout culture and Automated Driving Test Track has completely taken out manual

interface in driving tests, ensuring that only trained and skilled drivers get driving licences. This will play a big role in making our streets safer and reducing road accidents."

— K.S. Soundarya, RTO East

Track management team

This is the team that operates the Automated Driving Track at RTO East. (From left) ***Testing Engineer B. Harish and team members Sanjay, Sagar, Raghu, Rakshan, Anand and Yogesh.***

Colourful start for Kannada Meet at N'gud

17th Kannada Sahitya Sammelana Chairman T.S. Rajappa seen with District Kannada Sahitya Parsihat former President Chandrashekhar, Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan and others in Nanjangud this morning. Pictures on the right show folk artistes performing at the procession.

Nanjangud, Feb. 29 (RS&DM)- The temple town of Nanjangud, popularly called as 'Dakshina Kashi', wore a festive look as the 17th two-day Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Sammelana got off to a colourful start this morning.

The event began with the Sammelana (meet) Chairman T.S. Rajappa, a folk scholar, being brought in a grand procession from Ganesha temple on Ooty Road to Srikanteshwara Kalamandira in Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple premises, the venue of the meet, at 10 am.

Rajappa was brought in a decorated silver chariot, with District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr.Y.D. Rajanna and Nanjangud Taluk President Mahesh Attikhane seated alongside him.

The procession, which was flagged off by Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan, passed through the main thoroughfares of the town, including Car Street (Rathha Beedhi) and R.P. Road, before reaching Srikanteshwara Kalamandira. Hundreds of School children and NCC Cadets and a host of folk and cultural troupes were part of the procession.

Noted writer Tarini Chidanandagowda,who is the daughter of poet laurete Kuvempu, inaugurated the Literary festival.

Nanjangud is hosting this district-level Kannada literary event for the third time.The event, which concludes tomorrow, features talk sessions,presentations and other literary activities.

Dharege Doddavaru

Neelagaras' procession steals the show

Mysuru, Feb. 29 (YDS&SD)- A grand and colourful procession of Neelagara folk troupe carrying Kandaya was taken out from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at Palace North Gate to Kalamandira before the commencement of the night-long folk music rendition programme at Kalamandira premises in city yesterday.

The Department of Kannada and Culture in association with Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Limited, Mysuru, had organised '*Dharege Doddavaru*', a night-long folk music rendition programme on Manteswamy and Male Mahadeshwara at Kalamandira premises in city last evening from 6 pm, which concluded today morning at 6 am.

The procession began with offering of flowers to more than 40 Kandayas including those of Doddamma Thaayi, Rachappaaji, Channaajamma and Siddappaji. These folk deities were brought to the venue from Chamarajanagar, Mandya, Hassan, Mysuru and other places.

The procession of folk troupe which began at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, passed through K.R. Circle, D. Devaraj Urs Road, Metropole Circle and culminated at Kalamandira. Participation of Dollu Kunitha, Kamsaale, Nagari and Thamate artistes in the procession was an added attraction.

At the music programme held at Kalamandira, noted folk singers Mysore Gururaj and team captivated the audience with '*Nambidavara maneya olage*' and other Kannada folk songs.

Earlier, Litterateur Krishnamurthy Hanur addressed the gathering and spoke about the rich folklore history and tradition of Manteswamy and Male Madeshwara. RBI Note Mudran Unit President Murali who also spoke on the occasion said that the RBI Note Mudran Unit has donated Rs. 4 lakh to this night-long music programme. Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director H. Chennappa, Folk Scholar Dr. P.K. Rajashekar, Writer Prof. Kalegowda Nagavara, RBI Note Mudran Unit officials Ramesh Kumar Lal and K.S. Dharmappa and others were present.

Bomb hoax call creates panic at Paper Mill

Mysuru, Feb. 29 (RS,RK&BCT)- Panic prevailed at Thandya Industrial Area in Nanjangud this morning following a hoax bomb threat call received by the owner of a Paper Mill. Employees of the factory were immediately vacated and the Police and the Bomb Squad are still searching for the bomb.

According to reports, the owner of Rajshil Paper Private Limited received the call on his mobile phone at 9 am and the caller told him in Tamil language that a bomb had been placed inside the factory and it will explode in 45 minutes. Panicked, the factory owner called the Nanjangud Police who passed on the message to the district headquarters.

Bomb Squad and Dog Squad were summoned from Mysuru and Police teams from Kadakola and Mysuru South were pressed into service.

Over 40 employees were vacated from the factory premises while the Police were searching for the bomb at every nook and corner of the factory.

As the call was received on a mobile phone, it is easy for the Police to trace the number and the location from where the call came, the Police said.

Ayub Khan is MCC Congress leader

Former Mayor Ayub Khan, who was elected as the leader of ruling party (Congress) in the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), being greeted by Congress leaders at MCC Hall recently, as former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLC R. Dharmasena, City Congress President R. Murthy, District President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, Corporators K.V. Sridhar, P. Srinivas, Shantakumari and Gopi, former Corporator M. Shivanna and others look on. Prema Shankaregowda is the JD(S) party leader, which is part of the ruling coalition at the MCC.

State Brahmin Development Board seeks Rs.300 crore allocation in Budget

Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji performs *Bhoomi Puja* for Brahmin Students Hostel

Mysuru, Feb. 29 (PM&DM)- Karnataka State Brahmin Development Board Chairman H.S. Sachidananda Murthy said that he will appeal Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa to allocate Rs. 300 crore for the Board in the State Budget to be presented on Mar. 5.

Speaking as a chief guest at the Foundation Laying ceremony for Brahmin Students Hostel being built by Karnataka Hoysala Sangha at KR Vanam here recently, Sachidananda Murthy said the Government has sanctioned Rs. 25 crore for infrastructure at the Board's office in Bengaluru.

Maintaining that Brahmins play a decisive role in the outcome of elections in 21 Assembly segments of the State, Sachidanandamurthy said that lack of community organisation has hindered access to facilities. Now that the Board has been established, he said he would strive for development of the community through various schemes, he noted.

Pointing out that according to the Census, there are 17 lakh Brahmins in the State, the Board Chairman claimed that the number is actually 48 lakhs, taking into account all Brahmin sub-castes. He also assured of all help by the Board for the Hostel.

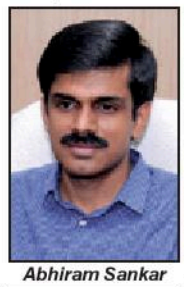
Senior Community member and District Co-operative Union President H.V. Rajeev appealed community leaders and affluent families to extend help for the construction of the Hostel through generous donations.

Sri Ganapathy Ashram's Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji performed *Bhoomi Puja* for the Hostel building. Hoysala Karnataka Sangha President K.R. Satyanarayana, City and District Brahmin Association President D.T. Prakash, Corporators M.V. Ramprasad and M.C. Ramesh, MUDA EE S.K. Bhaskar and others were present.

The Hostel is coming up on a 1120 sq.metre plot at an estimated cost of Rs. 3 crore. The Hostel will have 40 rooms.

Remit Rs. 42.19 lakh cess to District Library Authority

DC tells heads of Civic Bodies



Abhiram Sankar

Mysuru, Feb. 29- Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar has directed Commissioners and Executive Officers of all CMCs, TMCs and Town Panchayats of the district to immediately remit total pending Library cess of Rs. 42.19 lakh to the District Library Authority (DLA).

Presiding over the 75th meeting of the District Library Authority at his office here on Wednesday, Sankar instructed the officials to directly credit the Library cess, which is 6 percent of the property tax collected by the civic bodies, to the Escrow account of DLA.

The DC directed officials to evacuate the old TMC building at Bannur and hand it over to the Library Department and also allot a site within 15 days. The other instructions included construction of a toilet at H.D. Kote Library building for the benefit of readers, repair of the new library building at Nanjangud and handing over of the building to the Library Department, sanction of a site for the construction of new Library building at Saragur and expedition of construction works of T. Narasipur Library building. Sankar also instructed Hunsur CMC authorities to remit Library cess that has been pending since 2005-06 to the Authority, by March 2020.

Deputy Director of Library Department B. Manjunath, who is also the District Library Authority Secretary, said that one Library branch in the district will be completely computerised in the coming days and the library at H.D. Kote will be selected for the same in the next year.

The meeting also approved the Rs.1,71,20,000 budget for 2020-21 financial year.

District Urban Development Cell Planning Director Loknath, District Library Authority Vice-Chairman C.P. Ramasesh, member M.G. Sadanandaiah, ZP Deputy Secretary Krishnamraju, University of Mysore faculty M. Chandrashekar, Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited (KRIDL) Executive Engineer Mallappa and other officials were present at the meeting.

State-level Executive Committee meet of Youth Congress held in city

Mysuru, Feb.29 (RK&DM)- Maintaining that the Congress party stands for Equality, Social Justice and Constitutional Rights, senior Congress leader and former Minister Dr.H.C. Mahadevappa stressed on the need for organising the party at all levels.

Speaking after inaugurating the one-day State-level Executive Committee meeting of Karnataka Pradesha Youth Congress at Congress Bhavan near the city Railway Station here on Thursday, Dr.Mahadevappa claimed that people of the country were living in fear under BJP rule.

Stating that the country got freedom due to the struggles of great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel and Jawaharlal Nehru, he alleged that Prime Minister Modi was misusing his massive mandate for an autocratic majoritarian rule.

Accusing the BJP Government of undemocratically implementing citizenship laws such as CAA, NPC and NPR, he said that the BJP was testing the patience of the people at a time when the poor and oppressed sections of the society were struggling to lead a life.

Highlighting the need for bringing back the Congress to power in the interest of the country, he asked the Youth Congress activists to wholeheartedly engage themselves in party organisation and thus catapult the party to power both at the State and Centre.

He further said that the KPCC and AICC would be always supportive of Youth Congress in party activities.

Karnataka Youth Congress Committee President Basavanagouda Badarli, City Congress President R.Murthy, District President Dr. B.J.Vijaykumar, Youth Congress office-bearers Shivakumar, Ibrahim Khalilullah, Mohsin Khan, Ravindra Das and others were present.

Teacher transfer policy to be based on New University Act: Dy.CM

Dr.Ashwath Narayan

Bengaluru, Feb.29 (KMS&DM)- With an objective of putting an end to indiscreet teacher transfers, the State Government will introduce a new transfer policy based on the University Act, which the Government has proposed to introduce soon.

Speaking to presspersons here recently, Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan said that the new teacher transfer policy will help in overcoming the shortfall of teachers in rural areas and also scientific redressal of transfer issues. Pointing out that 1,700 lecturers will be appointed for Government First Grade Colleges, he said that there are plans to set up placement cells in Government Colleges on the lines of the one in Engineering Colleges. Stressing on the need for promoting entrepreneurship among the students, he said that the Government will provide mentorship training, financial assistance and other supplemental support to budding entrepreneurs.

Ex-Mayors demand action
against anti-national slogan raisers

Mysuru, Feb.29 (RK&DM)- In a display of unity, over 15 former city Mayors, under the banner of 'Mysuru Ex-Mayors' Council,' staged a demonstration at Gandhi Square in city this morning, seeking stern action against women activists Amulya and Arudra, who had raised anti-national slogans at Anti-CAA protests in Bengaluru recently.

Accusing Amulya and Arudra of showing utter disrespect to the motherland by raising anti-national slogans, the ex-Mayors demanded punitive action against them for shaming the country by their unwarranted remarks.

Former Mayors Pushpalatha Jagannath, Pushpalatha Chikkanna, T.B. Chikkanna, R. Lingappa, B.L. Byrappa, Narayana, Ananthu, Rajeshwari Puttaswamy, Purushottam, B. Bhagyavathi, Arif Hussain, Ayub Khan, H.N.Srikantaiah, R.G. Narasimha Iyengar, Modamani, Sandesh Swamy and B.K. Prakash and others were present at the demonstration.

Tension prevails at Fountain Circle as MCC authorities remove idol

Mysuru, Feb.29 (RK&DM)- Tension prevailed near Fountain Circle on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road this morning as MCC authorities removed an idol of Veerabhadreshwara Swamy installed under a tree opposite the Petrol Bunk on Shivaji Road leading from Fountain Circle.

Acting on a Supreme Court order directing the State Governments to remove unauthorised religious structures on Public streets, public parks or public places, the authorities of MCC Zonal Office located at FTS Circle, headed by Zonal Assistant Commissioner Shivegowda, removed the idol in an early morning operation, to facilitate road expansion.

But BJP leaders, who came to know of the idol removal, rushed to the spot and staged a snap stir demanding re-consecration of the idol.

Questioning MCC's action, the BJP leaders wondered why this particular idol was targeted when there was no action on other such religious installations elsewhere.

Accusing the MCC of acting in haste, the protestors demanded that the idol be re-consecrated immediately and a temporary structure be built for the idol.

As the protest continued, NR ACP Shivashankar, Police Inspector G.S. Shekhar and other Police personnel rushed to the spot and tried to convince the protestors, but in vain.

The BJP leaders were adamant on their stand and the protest was going on when we went to press.

City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, leaders Sandesh Swamy, M.K. Premkumar, Ramesh, Mohan, M.V. Ravishankar and other leaders took part in the protest.

Boy goes missing

S. Preetham

T. Narasipur, Feb. 29- A 13- year-old boy has gone missing from Kurubur in the Taluk.

S.Preetham, a student of Government Higher Primary School at Kurubur, who left home for school on the morning of Feb. 26, has not returned since then, according to a complaint lodged by his father Sundar at T. Narasipur Police Station.

Anyone having information about the said missing boy, can call the Police on Ph: 08227-261227 or Mob: 96328-07640.

Factory worker ends life

Mysuru, Feb.29 (RK&DM)- A 43-year old factory worker ended life by hanging at his residence in SBM Layout near Bogadi here on Thursday.

Honnappa (43), who was working at a factory in Metagalli Industrial area, allegedly committed suicide when his family members were away.

In a death note written by him, Honnappa has blamed two of his his factory colleagues for the extreme step, according to a complaint filed by Honnappa's wife Kusuma with the Saraswathipuram Police Station.

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Mysuru's Suraj Prabodh wins Men's Singles title

Suraj Prabodh with the winner's trophy.

Karnal, Feb. 29- Mysuru lad Suraj R. Prabodh, taking part in the AITA Men's 1 Lakh Tennis Tournament held at Karnal in Haryana, won the Men's Singles title beating Yugal Bansal in the final 6-0, 6-3 yesterday.

In the semi-finals, Suraj scored a well-earned 6-0, 6-2 win over Ayush Gurnani 6-0, 6-2 and in the quarter-finals beat Tarn Anirudh 6-1, 6-2.

In the second round, Suraj tamed Yugank Bharadwaj 6-1, 6-4 and in the first round, had scored a convincing 6-0, 6-0 win over Chaitanya Chaudhary 6-0, 6-0 to clinch the title.

1st Khelo India University Games 2020

Mysuru's Ambika wins Silver in shot-put

Seen are (from left) V. Ambika (2nd place) of University of Mysore with Kiran Baliyan (1st place) of Chaudhary Charan Singh University and Shrishti Vig (3rd place) from MJP Rohilkhand University who won medals in the shot-put event of 1st Khelo India University Games 2020.

Bhubaneswar, Feb. 29- V. Ambika, representing University of Mysore (UoM) in the 1st Khelo India University Games 2020, won the Silver Medal in the shot-put event yesterday with a throw of 13.92m at the Kalinga Stadium here. Kiran Baliyan of Chaudhary Charan Singh University won Gold with a throw of 15.10m and Shrishti Vig of MJP Rohilkhand University secured Bronze with a throw of 13.64m.

Ambika is accompanied by retd. SAI Athletic Coach Prabhakar, representing University of Mysore. Ambika trains with Mohan Kumar, a senior athlete at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Mysuru.

KSCA Group II, 2nd Division League

Vishnu's century goes in vain for BEML Mysuru

Bengaluru, Feb. 29- A stroke-filled century by P. Vishnu (100, 57b, 6x4, 8x6) went in vain for BEML Ltd., Mysuru, as they lost to Triton SC, Mysuru, by three-wickets off the last ball of the 20th over in an exciting game at HAL Grounds here yesterday.

In another game, BEML Mysuru scored a convincing eight wicket win over BWSSB, Bengaluru, in the match played at NAL Grounds.

SCORES

BEML Ltd., Mysuru: 180 for five in 20 overs (P. Vishnu 100, Munish Chengappa 43, S.J. Nikin Jose 2/45) lost to **Triton SC, Mysuru:** 181/7 in 20 overs (S.J. Nikin Jose 54, Amruth 31, Naveen 33 n.o., Munish Chengappa 3/31, Yodhan Hrudhay 2/21).

P. Vishnu

BWSSB: 124 in 20 overs (Likith 39, Renuka Prasad 25, Venkatesh 26) lost to **BEML Ltd., Mysuru:** 127/2 in 11 overs (B. Dheemanth 51 n.o., Girisha 23, P. Vishnu 23).

Southern Railway Institute, Mysuru: 113/8 in 20 overs (Syed Zain 40, Joseph 3/13) lost to **Bhagirathi Group:** 114/7 in 17.1 overs (Sudhanshu Sonkar 36, Madan Mohan 3/20).

Triton Sports Club, Mysuru: 187/5 in 20 overs (G. Pavan 81, Madhava 27, Mallikarjun 50) bt **Advocates Association CC:** 117 in 17.5 overs (Pradhyumna 43, Sachin 26, G. Pavan 4/21, Madhava 4/20).

Football: Narrow win for Citizen FC

Mysuru, Feb. 29- A self goal by Faraz (55th) and a goal by centre-forward Praveen (59th) helped Citizen FC to register a narrow 2-1 win over East Mysore FC in the MDFA 'C' Division Football League 2019-20 for the Subramanyaswamy Memorial Chirag Trophy played at the University Grounds here yesterday.

RESULT — Citizen FC: 2 (Faraz - self goal, 550, Praveen 59) bt **East Mysore FC:** 1 (Suhas 15).

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Winners of Mysore Varsity Inter-Zonal Handball Tourney

SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, emerged winners in the Inter-Collegiate Inter-Zonal Handball Tournament for Women conducted by Bharathi College, Bharathi Nagar, K.M. Doddi, Mandya, recently. Seen are (sitting from left) Captrain Lavanya, P.S. Madhusudana, Physical Education Director, B.R. Jayakumari, Vice-Principal, Dr. S. Venkataramu, Principal, Dr. H.N. Bhaskar, Physical Education Director, Dr. K.K. Somashekar and Vani; (standing from left) Somashekara, Agnes, Archana Rao, Anvitha Rao, Nitya, Nogi, Nosi, Seethal, Sharanya, Gowthami, Ganavi, Sangeetha, Priyanka, Nikitha and Bhavana.

Shahari Samruddhi Utsav begins at JSS Urban Haat

District Minister V. Somanna, who inaugurated the 'Shahari Samruddhi Utsav' organised at JSS Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, yesterday, is seen taking a look at the sarees on display at the expo. The exhibition-cum-sale, which is held to create a market platform and network for women SHG products, is open to public between 10 am and 9 pm till Mar. 8. MLA G.T. Devegowda, MP Pratap Simha, BJP leader H.V. Rajeev, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Technical Education Director C. Ranganataiah, NULM Mission Director Arundathi Chandrashekar, JSS Urban Haat Co-ordinator Rakesh Rai were present.

Silk India-2020 to conclude tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb.29- 'Silk India-2020' exhibition-cum-sale, organised by OA&C at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road in city from Feb.21, will conclude tomorrow (Mar.1). The expo is open to public from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm.

The exhibition brings together rural artisans from the eastern part of India featuring vast collections of cotton and silk handlooms, Odisha tie-and-dye, dress material and sarees, West Bengal cotton sarees and many more. The expo aims at promoting the art of the weavers and craftsmen by making the customers purchase directly from the craftsmen at the lowest price.

'Silk India' is all about the use of traditional handloom skills to create contemporary lifestyle products. For details, contact Manas Acharya on Mob: 097420-85198, according to a press release.

New Maruti Vitara Brezza launched in city

The New Maruti Suzuki Vitara Brezza was launched at Mandovi Motors Pvt. Ltd., KRS Road, Mysuru, yesterday. Seen in the picture are (from left) Kishore, Railway Welfare Officer; Subramanya, Chief Manager, State Bank of India - Personal Banking Branch (SBI-PBB); Mayaganna, DPO, South Western Railway; P.M. Ganapathy, Vice-President, Mandovi Motors, Arena; Dharmappa, customer; Nagappa, Regional Manager, SBI Region 1; Kulashekar, Marketing Executive, SBI and Kiran Kashyap, Deputy General Manager, Mandovi Motors, Arena.

'Sathgamaya-2020'

State-level multi-fest from Mar. 3

Mysuru, Feb.29-Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru campus, is organising *Sathgamaya- 2020,* a State-level multi-fest on Mar.3 and 4 at its college premises in Bogadi II Stage. This is a novel idea introduced to incorporate fun filled learning. All the disciplines of the college such as Computer Science, Visual Communication, Management and Commerce, Sciences, Languages and Physical Education Departments will host various workshops, competitions and games that will enrich the student's knowledge base and skills.

Student participants can enjoy the feel of the fest with added bonus of carnival and cultural extravaganza including dance and Naik and the Jois Project music band.

Dr. M.R. Seetharam, President, SVYM Mysuru, Mandya Ramesh, Founder, Natana School of Theatre Arts, Dr. Balakrishnan Shankar, Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, will be present on the occasion. While competitions are open only for all first-grade college students of Karnataka, workshops are open for anybody interested in the field.

Workshops ranging from Robotics, Digital Marketing, Entrepreneurship, UI/ UX to Pottery, Makeup and Nail Art is what sets this fest apart.

Students can win attractive cash prizes in gaming and other competitions such as Hackathon, Roadeez, Web Development, Digital Treasure Hunt, Revengers (LAN gaming), Marvel Trivia Quiz, Best Entrepreneur, Business Quiz, Pinch of Punishment, Science Treasure Hunt, Science Model and Collage-making,

Bollywood Quiz, TikTok, Photography, Theatre, Story-telling, Poetry, Literary Quiz, Bhagavad Gita Recitation, Solo Singing, Solo Instrumental and Cricket competitions.

The Science Park which allows the visitors to experiment, explore and be amazed at, is all set to welcome them to the wondrous world of Science.

Students of PU, UG and PG programmes may make the best use of this opportunity. Carnival with its food stalls, fun-filled games and Paint Ball are added to enhance the festive mood. Evenings are made colourful and joyful with fashion show, dance and music band. For more information and registration, contact Mob: +91-8861611118.

Cultural Fest ATMEya-2020: 'Run for the Wild' tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb.29- ATME College of Engineering, Mysuru, is organising an Annual Cultural Fest ATMEya-2020 on the theme "Save the Wild" to spread awareness among the citizens to protect and safeguard wildlife.

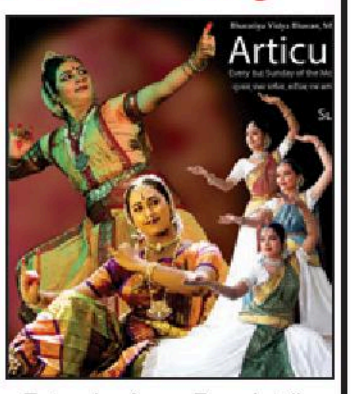
As part of the fest, a Marathon — "Run for Wild" "Live & Let Live" — by the students, staff and general public will be held tomorrow (Mar.1) at 7 am from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple. The marathon will pass via Clock Tower, Gandhi Square, New Sayyaji Rao Road, D. Devaraj Urs Road, JLB Road, Ramaswamy Circle, 100 ft. Road, Basaveshwara Statue, Hardinge Circle (JC Wadiyar Circle) and ends at the starting point.

The event will be flagged off by Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and presided by L. Arunkumar, Chairman, ATMECE. K. Shivashankar, Secretary, ATMECE and R. Veeresh, Treasurer, will be the guests.

Articulate Festival at BVB on Sunday

Mysuru, Feb.29- Articulate Festival, the 1st Sunday of the Month platform for Indian Classical Dance Art, has been organised at Prof. Y.T. Thathachari auditorium, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Vijayanagar 1st Stage, on Mar.1 at 6 pm, under the joint aegis of BVB, Mysuru Kendra and Articulate Trust for Arts.

The Fest features Kathak by C.G. Poojashree, S. Vaidegi and Bela Bairy of Articulate Dance Studios and Bharatanatyam by Poojitha Bhaskar and Nagalakshmi Nagarajan.



Entry is free. For details, contact Festival Co-ordinator Mysore B. Nagaraj on Mob: 93412-88391, according to a press release from Articulate Trust for Arts.

WORD OF THE DAY

Thersitical

Pronunciation: ther-sit-i-kuhl.
Meaning: Scurrilous; foulmouthed; grossly abusive.
Origin: The very rare adjective thersitical "scurrilous, foulmouthed, abusive" derives from the Greek personal name Thersítēs, itself a derivative of the adjective thersiepḗs "bold of speech." Thersites appears in Book 2 of the Iliad in the assembly of the Achaeans. Homer describes Thersites as lame, bowlegged, with shoulders that sloped inward, and a pointy head covered with tufts of hair—the ugliest man at Troy. Thersites accuses Agamemnon of greed and Achilles of cowardice, for which Odysseus beats him severely about the head and shoulders to the great amusement of the rest of the Achaeans. Thersitical entered English in the mid-17th century.
Example: There is a pelting kind of thersitical satire.

THE ODD WORD

Tellurian

An inhabitant of the earth.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Tempest in a teapot

Meaning: A tempest in a teapot is a small or insignificant event that is over-reacted to, as if it were of considerably more consequence.
Origin: One of the earliest occurrences of this phrase in print of the modern version is in 1815, where Britain's Lord Chancellor Thurlow is quoted as referring to a popular uprising on the Isle of Man as a "tempest in a teapot". Also Lord North, Prime Minister of Great Britain, is credited for popularising this phrase as characterising the outbreak of American colonists against the tax on tea. This sentiment was then satirised in Carl Guttenberg's 1778 engraving of the Tea-Tax Tempest, where Father Time flashes a magic lantern picture of an exploding teapot to America on the left and Britannia on the right, with British and American forces advancing towards the teapot. In 1825, in the Scottish journal Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine, a critical review of poets Hogg and Campbell also included the phrase "tempest in a teapot". There are also lesser known or earlier variants, such as tempest in a teacup, storm in a cream bowl, tempest in a glass of water, storm in a wash-hand basin and storm in a glass of water.
Example: A great uproar over a matter of little or no importance. All that because a handful of the thousand invited guests didn't show up? What a tempest in a teapot!

QUOTE BOX

Take a chance. You never know how perfect something might turn out to be.—**Anonymous**

RIDDLE THIS

Tommy Tucker took two strings and tied two turtles to two tall trees. How many T's in that?

Answer: There are 2 t's in 'THAT'.

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Bishan Singh the famous spinner?
5 Runs slowly
9 Pamela's petname
12 Ear-related
13 Jewel-stone
14 Avinash's pet name?
15 An ancient Greek portico
16 Strayed or changed one's course
18 Exclamation of joy
20 Heroic story
21 Comedian Mr. Dutt
23 Arab vessel
26 Refresh one's memory or skills (5,2)
29 French river
30 Olive extract, perhaps
31 A perennial herb - "rip on" anagram?
33 Woman in religious order
34 Choir members
36 In the company of; along with
38 Linden tree
39 Irish county - "clear" anagram?
40 Measure of speed in comparison with speed of sound
42 Advances or makes progress? (4,2)
46 Scrawl on walls
49 ___ and tide wait for no man?
50 River islet
51 Terrible Russian
52 Arctic town - "hate" anagram?
53 The American novelist, 'Edgar Allan.....'
54 ___ - a- ___ : cosy chat (same word)?
55 Indian wrestling great ___ Singh

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

P	S	S	T	■	P	I	T	T	■	R	O	N
E	T	A	H	■	A	F	A	R	■	E	W	E
N	O	T	E	■	R	E	P	E	A	T	E	D
T	W	E	R	P	■	■	I	N	T	O	■	■
■	■	■	A	R	U	N	■	T	H	R	O	W
L	E	A	P	F	R	O	G	■	■	T	I	E
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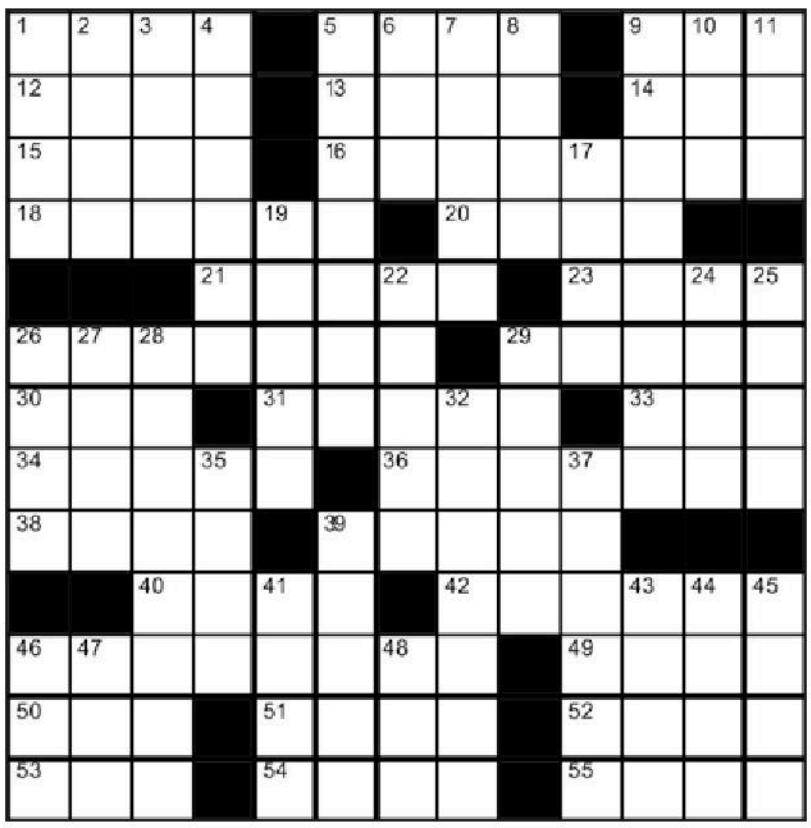
I	V	E	■	■	S	U	B	S	I	D	E	D
N	Y	L	O	N	■	M	I	E	N	■	■	■
■	■	A	P	I	A	■	■	A	G	O	N	Y
O	M	I	T	T	I	N	G	■	U	R	E	A
F	E	D	■	R	A	I	N	■	A	E	O	N
T	O	E	■	E	A	T	S	■	L	O	N	G

DOWN

1 What nonsense this is!
2 You too in Latin (2,2)
3 Fashion name - "rod I" broke?
4 Son of Daedalus
5 City in Rajasthan
6 Unseal - poetically speaking!
7 Auctioneer's hammer
8 Let ___ : reveal by accident?
9 Fixing or correcting
10 Hail as to Maria
11 Middle, as a combined form
17 Adjunct or helper
19 First musketeer
22 Dismay greatly
24 Responsibility
25 ___ all out : put in maximum effort; spared no pains?
26 Ship, vessel or craft
27 Annoy or irk
28 Eventual
29 Sleep loudly, should we say?
32 Conceive
35 Norwegian monarch
37 Caught or ensnared
39 Small onion type
41 Controlled Flight into Terrain
43 Mother of Luv and Kush
44 Mr Abdullah of J&K
45 Ms Dhupia of Bollywood
46 Empty space
47 River, to Juanita
48 Total Air Temperature



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BF SNX DF MFJITRNPPX QFWFNHFQ,

DEH TEJ MJYRLYMPFI RFKFJ!

TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS W

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Resolve to be thyself: and know, that he who finds himself, loses his misery.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Love Mocktail	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Mayabazar	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Ane Bala	Lido	2420885	1 Show
Bicchugatthi	Lido	2420885	3 Shows
Shiva	Woodlands	2422871	1 Show
Kaanadante Maayavadanu	Woodlands	2422871	3 Shows
Shivaji Surathkal	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Popcorn Monkey Tiger	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
3rd Class	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
HINDI			
O Pushpa I Hate Tears	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Raahu	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Local Boy	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Srimathi 21F	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
Ala Vaikunthapurramloo	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Kannum Kannum Kollaiyadithaal	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows

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	(S-4)	7.05 pm
Love Mocktail (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Shivaji Surathkal (K)	(S-1)	7.15 pm; (S-2) 4.30 pm
	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Bheeshma (Te)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Maya Kannadi (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
The Invisible Man (E)	(S-2)	7.20 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.40 am
Bhoot Part 1 (H)	(S-3)	10.45 am
Mayabazar (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm; (S-4) 4.25 pm
Bicchugatthi (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Hit (The First Case) (Te)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Kannum Kannum Kollaiyadithaal (Ta)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Trance (Ma)	(S-4)	9.50 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Thappad (H)	(S-1)	10.00 am, 12.55 pm
		6.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Shivaji Surathkal (K)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
Love Mocktail (K)	(S-3)	10.05 am
	(S-2)	3.35 pm
The Invisible Man (E)	(S-2)	10.10 am
	(S-3)	1.10 pm, 6.45 pm
Sonic The Hedgehog (E)	(S-4)	10.05 am, 7.40 pm
Mayabazar (K)	(S-2)	12.45 pm, 6.45 pm
Trance (Ma)	(S-3)	9.25 pm
Aanebala (K)	(S-4)	12.20 pm
Maya Kannadi (K)	(S-4)	2.55 pm
Cookie (Hindi Partly English)	(S-4)	5.20 pm
Kannum Kannum Kollaiyadithaal (Ta)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Hit (The First Case) (Te)	(S-2)	9.40 pm
Bicchugatthi (K)	(S-3)	3.50 pm

PVR CINEMAS — www.pvrcinemas.com

Bicchugatthi (K)	9.30 am, 3.30 pm
Asura Samhara (K)	9.45 am
The Invisible Man (E)	10.15 am, 1.40 pm, 6.45 pm
Thappad (H)	10.40 am, 1 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Mayabazar 2016 (K)	12.30 pm, 6.30 pm
Popcorn Monkey Tiger (K)	12.35 pm
Bheeshma (Te)	3.20 pm
Shivaji Surathkal (K)	4.00 pm
Sonic The Hedgehog (E)	4.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Trance (Ma)	6.30 pm
Love Mocktail (K)	9.20 pm
Forensic (Ma)	10.00 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 29)

Golden Creeper Enterprises: The Jewellery Show, an exclusive Jewellery Exhibition with reputed Brands from across India, Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, **up to 8 pm.**

Silk India-2020: Handloom exhibition-cum-sale, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**

JSS Urban Haat: Shahari Samruddhi Utsav, an exhibition-cum-sale to create a market platform and network for women SHG products, JSS Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **up to 9 pm.**

Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES), Directorate of Technical Education, Bengaluru and JSS Mahavidyapeetha, JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled, JSS Technical Institutions' Campus: NSS Annual Special Camp 2019-2020, Lecture on 'Students role in National Development' by Dr. Palaniswamy, Muduguru, goldsmith C.P. Raghu presides, Cultural Programme, JSS Technical Institutions' Campus, **4 pm.**

Sri Bhramaramba Sangeetha Vidyalaya (SBSV) Trust, Mysuru: 24th anniversary celebrations, concert by students of the Vidyalaya, **4 pm;** Stage programme, Sri Hamsananda Swamiji of Sadhana Mandira, Mysuru, graces the occasion, SBSV Mysuru Chairperson Shalini V. Murthy presides, Central Agricultural University-Imphal VC Prof. S. Ayyappan chief guest, **5 pm;** Concert by students of the Vidyalaya, **6 pm;** Sangeetha Chaturmurthi Namana - A grand flute recital by Vid. C.S. Keshava Chandra and party, Sri Shivananda Jnanalaya, JLB Road, Lakshmipuram, **6.45 pm.**

St. Joseph's - Newro Institute of Rehabilitation: Inauguration of the Institute, retd. District and Sessions Judge C.K. Balakrishna chief guest, Dr. Sharan Srinivasan, Dr. Prathiba Sharan, Rev. Msgr. Leslie Moras, Rev. Fr. Manuel D'Souza and Rev. Fr. Sanjay Kumar will be present, St. Joseph's Hospital, Bengaluru-Mysuru Road, Bannimantap, **5 pm.**

Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy: 20th anniversary celebrations, felicitation to achievers in different fields — Dr. H.K. Ramanath (Education, Theatre), B.M. Ramachandra (Costumes, Design), Dr. P.K. Rajashekar (Folk), Vidu. Nandini Eswer (Dance), Y.S. Subramanya (Science, Maths), Kollegala Sharma (Science Communication), K.S. Nagaraju (Auditing) and Dr. T.V. Satyanarayana (Sanskrit, Research); H. Chennappa, Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture Department, Mysuru, chief guest, Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5 pm.**

Tanum Manu Prakashana and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota: Former Chief Minister Dr. M. Veerappa Moily to release books (critiques) — *Kuvempu Sahitya Rasa Yatre, Bendre Kavyakathana, Karantha Kriti Kadalu, Masti Sahitya Manana, Gokaka Sahitya Manthana, Anantha Sahitya Prapancha, Karnad Sahitya Sourabha and Kumbara Sahitya Bimba* — Kannada Book Authority Chairman Dr. Nandish Hanche releases the 22nd annual catalogue of Tanu Manu Prakashana, former MLA Vasu chief guest, senior littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar presides, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **5 pm.**

Veer Savarkar Yuva Balaga: Book release — 'Utta Batteyalli Horatu Bandavaru' — and discussion on Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), Vijaya Vittala Educational Institution premises, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm.**

Book release: Dr. H.R. Krishnaiah Gowda's five books — 'Nagarasambandhi Arthashastra', 'Bharatada Arthavyavasthe', 'Yojane mattu Grameenabhivruddhi', 'Manava Sampanmula Nirvahane,' 'Hana, Bankodyama mattu Sarvajanika Hanakasu', 'Money and Banking' — will be released, former MUDA Chairman C. Basavegowda inaugurates the programme, former MLA Vasu presides, Sri Guru Residency, JLB Road, **5 pm.**

Gurudev Academy of Fine Arts: Guru Namanam Bharatanatya Vaibhavam of Vidushi Malhasa S. Jois, disciple of Natyavidushi Dr. P.M. Chethana Radhakrishna, Natuvanga support by Guru Dr. Chethana Radhakrishna, Music Ensemble - Vid. Balasubramanya Sharma from Bengaluru - vocal, Vid. Shivashankar Swami from Mysuru - mridanga, Vid. C.N. Thyagaraju from Mysuru - flute and H.L. Ananthakrishna Swami from Mysuru - Rhythm pad; Natyacharya Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, Director, Noopura Kalavidara Trust, Mysuru, inaugurates, Dr. Nagesh V. Bettakote, Vice-Chancellor (in-Charge), KSGH Music University, chief guest, felicitation to Guru Dr. Chethana Radhakrishna, Art Director of Gurudev Academy of Fine Arts, Mandya and Mysuru, Gartigere Raghanna and other Natya Gurus of the disciple, in the presence of Vid. S.T. Shankarananda Jois, Vijayalakshmi and P.M. Radhakrishna, Managing Director of Gurudev Academy, Kalamandira, **5.30 pm.**

Nandana Performing Arts Centre, Mysuru: Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of Sheetal Belagali, disciple of Guru Vidu. Varija Nalige, VPAC Director Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy inaugurates, Articulate Trust for Art Managing Trustee Mysore B. Nagaraj chief guest, Bharatanjali Nrutya Shaale Founder-Director Dr. Sheela Sridhar presides, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Yadavagiri: Annual Celebrations, Aratrikam at the auditorium; Harikathe on 'Sundarakanda' by Narayana Das, Sirsi (Disciple of Sant Bhadragiri Achyutadas), Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **5.45 pm to 8 pm.**

JSS Mahavidyapeetha: Shivanubhava Dasoha-267, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Dr. B.S. Parvatharaju, retd. Principal, Mysuru, presides, Dr. M.N. Nandish Hanche, delivers talk on 'Vachanagalalli Devara Parikalpane,' Bhajans by Sri Shivarathreeshwara Bhajana Mandali, #1162, JSS Layout 2nd Stage, Lalithadripura, **6 pm.**

Rangavalli: Staging of play 'Blind Shot,' a Kannada translation of English play 'Wait Until Dark' written by Frederick Knott [Translation: B.P. Arun; Direction: Vishwas Krishna], Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR. 1)

NIE Students' Association: 'techNIEks Run' [Theme: Autism - Embrace Differences] - 5k, 12k and 21k, Golden Jubilee Block, Manandavadi Road, **5.45 am.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Yadavagiri: Annual Celebrations, Homage to Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa; Spiritual Retreat for Devotees - Discourse in Kannada by Swami Nityasthanandaji, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Davangere, on 'Shraddha alone is enough'; Discourse in Kannada by Swami Veereshananda Saraswati, President, Ramakrishna Vivekananda Ashram, Tumakuru, on 'Ideals of Life Expounded by Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna, **9.30 am to 1 pm;** Cultural Programme; Aratrikam at the auditorium; Bhajana Sandhya by Sri Venkatesha Bhajana Mandali, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **5.45 pm to 8 pm.**

Lalitakala Sangha, Maharani's Science College for Women, Mysuru: Valedictory of 20th year celebrations, theatre artiste and cine actor Girija Lokesh, Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, theatre artiste Mandya Ramesh and Vidu. Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy will be present, College premises, **10 am to 4 pm.**

Suchitra Art Gallery: National Science Day, painting expo by U.G. Mohan Kumar, Dr. Shivalinagaiah, Asst. Professor, Maharani's Science College for Women, inaugurates, C. Krishnegowda, Executive Committee Member, Karnataka Rajya Vijnana Parishat, presides, N. Mahesh Kumar, lecturer, Government Maharani PU College, chief guest, K.S. Mohan Babu of Infosys special invitee, artist U.G. Mohan Kumar will be present, Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira, **10 am.**

JSS Urban Haat: Shahari Samruddhi Utsav, an exhibition-cum-sale to create a market platform and network for women SHG products, JSS Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **10 am to 9 pm.**

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Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES), Directorate of Technical Education, Bengaluru and JSS Mahavidyapeetha, JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled, JSS Technical Institutions' Campus: Valedictory of NSS Annual Special Camp 2019-2020, N.M. Shivakumaraswamy of Department of Jewellery Design and Technology, JSS Polytechnic for Differently Abled, delivers keynote address, Dr. Guruprasad M. Hugar, Programme Co-ordinator, NSS, M.V. Ramprasad, President, Arunodaya School for Special Children, Dr. R. Ningaraju, Asst. Professor, Sociology Department, University Evening College, Mysuru and H.N. Mahadevaswamy, PE Director, JSS Polytechnic for Differently Abled, chief guests, JSS Technical Institutions' Campus, **10 am.**

Silk India-2020: Handloom exhibition-cum-sale, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**

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Sri Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha, Mysuru: Guddali puja for 'Vruddhashrama' (Old Age Home) to be constructed by Sri Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha, Mysuru, Ramu Dakshayani Layout, Survey No. 41/2, Lingambudhi village, near Maramma Temple (Thimmaiah Enclave), **10.30 am.**

Basava Samiti - Hebbal-Vijayanagar, Sharana Sahitya Parishat and Chamaraja Constituency Unit, Mysuru: Sharana Sangama - 264 and Endowment Programme and Book Release — 'Sharana Ratna' edited by Dr. H.T. Shylaja, retd. Professor — by Dr. B. Nanjundaswamy, writer and Ayurveda Doctor, Dr. T.C. Poornima, Deputy Director, Directorate of Field Publicity, speaks about the book, H.V. Basavaraju, President, Basava Samiti - Hebbal-Vijayanagar, presides, G.R. Parameshwarappa, President, Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru, guest of honour, Sharada Shivalingaiah, President, Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Chamaraja Constituency Unit, Mysuru, chief guest, Basava Bhavana, CA-5, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **11 am.**

Rangavalli: Staging of play 'Blind Shot,' a Kannada translation of English play 'Wait Until Dark' written by Frederick Knott [Translation: B.P. Arun; Direction: Vishwas Krishna], Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **3.30 pm and 7 pm [2 shows].**

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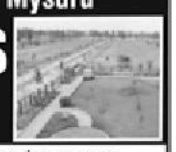
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